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SUMMARY: GRUNK SUPPORTERS, INCLUDING GA PRESIDNET BOUTEFLIKA, ARE APPARENTLY DETERMINED TO HAVE PLENARY BEGIN KHMER DEBATE NOVEMBER 25 JUST AFTER PALESTINE DEBATE CONCLUDES. THEY ARE TRYING ALSO TO HAVE FIRST COMMITTEE DEBATE ON KOREA POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER PLENARY FINISHES WITH KHMER. END SUMMARY

1. GENERAL COMMITTEE MET MORNING NOVEMBER 8 TO REVIEW 29TH UNGA WORK PROGRAM. WE AND FRIENDS WERE PREPARED FOR HOSTILE SUGGESTION AT GC MEETING THAT KOREA BE RESCHEDULED TO BEGIN IN FIRST COMMITTEE EARLY DECEMBER TO PERMIT PLENARY TO TAKE UP KHMER NOVEMBER 25 IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PALESTINE DEBATE. THIS DID NOT HAPPEN. AT GC MEETING, FIRST COMMITTEE
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CHAIRMAN ORTIZ DE ROZAS CONFIRMED THAT KOREA DEBATE

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WOULD BEGIN NOVEMBER 25. USYG MORSE, IN REVIEWING PLENARY
AGENDA, MENTIONED KHMER AMONG ITEMS YET TO BE TAKEN UP
SUBJECT TO CONSULTATIONS ON TIMING BUT DID NOT SUGGEST DATE.
GA PRESIDENT BOUTEFLIKA DID NOT MENTION DATE EITHER.

2. WE SUBSEQUENTLY LEARNED THAT IMMEDIATELY AFTER GC MEETING
BOUTEFLIKA ASKED ORTIZ DE ROZAS ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF DELAYING
OPENING OF KREA DEBATE. ORTIZ DID NOT AGREE, NOTING THAT
FIRST COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSULTED, BUT HE SUGGESTED
POSSIBILITY OF OPENING KOREA ON TIME, SUSPENDING FIRST
COMMITTEE WHILE PLENARY ACTS ON KHMER, THEN COMPLETING KOREA
DEBATE.

3. ROK AMBASSADOR PARK INTENDS TO MAKE CLEAR TO ORTIZ THAT
ROK OPPOSES ANY CHANGE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FONMIN KIM'S
SCHEDULE, WHICH HAS BEEN BASED ON FIRST COMMITTEE AGENDA
DECIDED UPON SIX WEEKS AGO. ANAND OF THAILAND ALSO HAS
SPOKEN TO ORTIZ.

4. BOUTEFLIKA HAS NOT CONSULTED FRIENDLY COSPONSORS ABOUT
TIMING OF DEBATE. PERMREPS OF JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND AND THAILAND ASKED
FOR BUT HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED AS OF EVENING NOV 8 URGENT
APPOINTMENT TO PRESS BOUTEFLIKA TO ADHERE TO SCHEDULE FOR
KHMER DEBATE PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT, BEGINNING EARLY DECEMBER.
IN MEANTIME, HOWEVRER, WE LEARNED THAT BOUTEFLIKA HAD
INSTRUCTED MORSE NOV 8 TO PLAN FOR KHMER DEBATE TO
BEGIN NOVEMBER 25.

5. COMMENT: (A) WE HAD ANTICIPATED THAT QUESTION WOULD
BE RAISED IN GENERAL COMMITTEE BECAUSE CHINESE HAD APPROACHED
ORTIZ EARLY THIS WEEK ABOUT CHANGING DATE FOR KOREA. WE
CONCLUDED THAT CHINESE ACTION ON KOREA TIMING ACTUALLY
GREW FROM CONCERN ABOUT KHMER. ROK AMB. AFTER CONSULTATIONS
WITH COSPONSORS, TOLD ORTIZ THEN THAT WE PREFERRED STICK TO
ORIGINAL SCHEDULE. BOUTEFLIKA'S NOVEMBER 8 APPROACH TO ORTIZ
PRESUMABLY WAS MADE FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH CHINESE AFTER
LATTER FAILED TO GET POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM ORTIZ.

(B) CHINESE, WHO APPARENTLY ARE PLAYING STRONG ROLE IN
PLANNING TACTICS FOR KHMER ITEM, PRESUMABLY HAVE CONCLUDED,
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AND PERSUADED OTHER GURNK COSPONSORS, THAT PASSAGE OF TIME
WOULD WEAKEN THEIR POSITION. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THEY
BELIEVE ATMOSPHERE CREATED BY PALESTINE DEBATE WOULD BE ESPECIALLY
HELPFUL FOR KHMER DEBATE IF TWO ITEMS WERE BACK TO BACK IN PLENARY.
ANOTHER FACTOR WOULD BE A CALCULATION THAT, SINCE THEY HAVE
BETTER CHANCE OF SUCCESS ON KHMER ISSUE THAN ON KOREA,
EARLIER KHMER DEBATE WOULD BE BETTER FOR THEM.
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